

HOUSE RESOLUTION 70

By Harmon

A RESOLUTION to recognize Bonnie Fritch on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Fritch is one such estimable person who has served her community with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fritch will be taking a much deserved retirement on July 1, 2011, after more than thirty years of distinguished public service as a University of Tennessee (UT) Extension Agent in Sequatchie County; and

WHEREAS, a native of Maryville, Bonnie Fritch earned her bachelor's degree in 1972 from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, later returning to the school to finish her master's degree in nutrition in 1991; and

WHEREAS, she began extension work for Auburn University in Alabama in 1978, serving with acumen and alacrity in that position for six years before taking the extension agent position with UT, the position from which she is retiring; and

WHEREAS, as a UT Extension Agent, Ms. Fritch has overcome challenges such as limited budgets and limited space to bring character building services to students of the county, including leading programs for food, nutrition, financial management, leadership, and parenting; and

WHEREAS, she is well known by the students in Sequatchie County for her work with the Youth Leadership Program and various 4-H activities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fritch has worked at the office in Dunlap for twenty-seven years, working with 4-H and family and consumer sciences, and she has served as the office's administrator since 2001; and

WHEREAS, her professional accomplishments aside, Bonnie Fritch is a devout member of Dunlap United Methodist Church, which she hopes to serve more actively during her retirement; and

WHEREAS, she is also deeply devoted to her family and always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed many years of marriage with her husband, John, until his passing in 2000, and she is the proud mother of one son, Tim, who lives with his wife in Soddy Daisy; and

WHEREAS, wholly committed to the ideals of civic involvement and public service, Bonnie Fritch exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to her community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ms. Fritch has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and the good people of Sequatchie County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Bonnie Fritch our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors, as we reflect fondly upon her exemplary legacy of public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.